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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on April 1, 2004, **TERRANCE B. MARTIN**, age 29, of 1350 N. 41st Street, East St. Louis, Illinois, pled guilty to the federal offense of bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113, and using a firearm in relation to commission of the bank robbery, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924.

Bank robbery carries a maximum statutory penalty of up to twenty (20) years' imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000 and up to three (3) years of supervised release. Using a firearm while robbing a bank carries a sentence of no less than five (5) years' imprisonment, which sentence must be served consecutive to the bank robbery sentence, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three (3) years of supervised release. Sentencing is set for June 29, 2004.

MARTIN pled guilty to the December 18, 2003, robbery of the Union Planters Bank, 7800 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois. **MARTIN** used a firearm during the course of the robbery and fled via automobile after committing the robbery. A description of **MARTIN** and his automobile was dispatched over police radio immediately after the robbery. **MARTIN** was spotted, chased, stopped and arrested by police authorities in the course of his fleeing the robbery scene.

Recovered from **MARTIN'S** person was the robbery firearm and from within **MARTIN'S** car, stolen bank currency was recovered.

The case was investigated by the Belleville Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas M. Daly.